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## **FEDERAL JURY CONVICTS KC MAN IN CRACK CONSPIRACY**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a Kansas City, Mo., man has been convicted by a federal jury for possessing and distributing 50 grams or more of crack cocaine.

**Lincoln Cardell Henderson**, 27, of Kansas City, was found guilty on May 4, 2004, of conspiring to possess and distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine from Jan. 1, 2001, until July 1, 2003, in Jackson County, Mo. The federal jury also found **Henderson** guilty of possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine on Oct. 29, 2003, in Jackson County.

Following the presentation of evidence in **Henderson's** trial, Graves said, the jury in U.S. District Court in Kansas City deliberated about four hours before returning the guilty verdict to U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner, ending a trial that began May 3, 2004.

**Henderson** was arrested on Oct. 29, 2003, by law enforcement officers who were trying to contact him regarding a probation violation warrant. At the time, officers believed **Henderson** was a passenger in a green Ford Explorer near an apartment complex at 24<sup>th</sup> and Askew streets in Kansas City. When officers attempted to approach the vehicle, the Ford Explorer fled, Graves said, and a brief car chase ensued. **Henderson** fled from the vehicle on foot, but was apprehended by a Kansas City, Mo., police sergeant in a nearby alley.

Upon detaining **Henderson**, officers recovered 53.77 grams of crack cocaine **Henderson** had thrown down during the foot chase, Graves said.

**Henderson** was originally charged in a single-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Nov. 20, 2003, in Kansas City. The original indictment was later replaced by a two-count superseding indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Jan. 27, 2004, in Kansas City.

Under federal law, Graves explained, **Henderson** faces a mandatory life sentence in federal prison without parole, due to sentencing enhancements relating to his prior drug convictions. His sentence will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David DeTar Newbert. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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